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Dear Dr. Koechler,

I would like to convey my sincere appreciation to your company, the North American Aerospace Industry (NAAI) for considering a proposed partnership at the Tallahassee International Airport (TLH). Florida's state capital, Tallahassee, is uniquely positioned to handle the economic opportunities and job creation that are necessary to complete the aviation and infrastructure improvements outlined in the proposed development. Additionally, Space Florida, the organization tasked with leading the effort for the state, has a history of strong performance and accomplishments in the aviation industry. As negotiations continue, I respectfully urge your company to consider all the benefits provided by the Florida Panhandle.

The City of Tallahassee has been committed to advancing the aviation real estate development at TLH, also referred to as Project Alpha, since 2019. These important conversations ensure the surrounding communities are poised to handle the estimated total of 985 permanent jobs and more than 1,000 temporary construction jobs created by the project<sup>1</sup>. Additionally, TLH has demonstrated the ability to invest previous federal and local state resources efficiently, which has been important to improving the airport's ability to serve the local area and surrounding communities. These experiences, alongside the conversations by state and local officials, would assist the community in expeditiously delivering any important, additional private investment.

Improving TLH would benefit my constituents in Tallahassee, all of Florida's Second Congressional District, and individuals throughout the state. Please know I would welcome a conversation with you and your company's leadership to discuss the benefits of Project Alpha and how the state of Florida is ready to take on the challenge of fulfilling your company's vision.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Meal P. Dunn, M.D.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.wctv.tv/2022/06/21/project-alphardevelopmenերկիդcould-create-nearly-1000-jobs-450m-economic-impact/